Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The freedom and security that citizens of the United States enjoy today are direct results of the blood shed and continued vigilance given by the United States Armed Forces over the history of our great nation; and,

Whereas, The sacrifices that such members of the United States Armed Forces and of the family members that support them, have preserved the liberties that have enriched this nation making it unique in the world community; and,

Whereas, Of the more than 220,000 National Guard and Reservists activated nationwide for "Operation Iraqi Freedom" and "Operation Enduring Freedom," nearly 4,000 are South Dakotans, many of whom will be activated for at least 1 year in service to both South Dakota and the nation; and,

Whereas, In 2004, the United States Congress passed a resolution proclaiming May as National Military Appreciation Month, calling all Americans to remember those who gave their lives in defense of freedom and to honor the men and women of all of our Armed Services who have served and are now serving our country, together with their families:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 2007 as

MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

in South Dakota, and I urge all citizens, business and government leaders to observe the month with appropriate ceremonies and activities that honor, support and thank our military families.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighteenth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State